

GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT – December 2012
Month in Review

Adventure Sports

PowerPoint overview of ASCI. The presentation included a “Look Back on a Season of Success” and a thank you to local businesses, other agencies, citizens, employees, and patrons. Strategic planning priorities are education, ASCI facilities, business growth, strategic alliances, community service, business sustainability, and conservation of resources.

Department of Economic Development

The Board approved the sale of Lot 2 at the McHenry Business and Technology Park and executed all documents relative to this transfer of property to include a Resolution allowing the plat to be recorded.

Department of Planning & Land Development

1. Review of Approved Building Permit report for January through November 2012.
2. Briefed on legislation that was enacted during the 2012 Session of the MD General Assembly. State law adopted under SB 236 now requires all Maryland counties to divide land within their jurisdiction into 4 land classification tiers based on use, availability of public water and sewer, and anticipated growth as follows:
 - a) TIER 1: the County will not be allowed to approve a residential subdivision unless all houses have a sewer hookup. No septic systems allowed inside tier one, regardless of size.
 - b) TIER 2: an area County officials believe will grow and thus plan to extend public water and sewer to, at some point. Minor subdivisions in tier two will be allowed to have a septic system, although only until public water and sewer can reach those houses. No major subdivisions will be allowed on septic, only on public water and sewer.
 - c) TIER 3: includes sections of the county where substantial growth isn't expected in the future and the county does not plan to hook up to public water and sewer service.
 - d) TIER 4: minor subdivisions will be allowed to have a septic system but no major subdivisions will be allowed to connect.

The Board approved the GC Tier Map as presented on this date and which had also been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission.

3. The DCL Property Owners' Association met with the Board to discuss the creation and appointment of a DCL Task Force and long term planning options. The Board will take this matter under advisory.

Public Utilities

1. Thayerville Water System and Pee Wee Hill Water Project Update
2. Friendsville Sewer System – Maple Street Sewer Line Extension Project and DCL Conveyance Update
3. Recommendation that the Board approve Change Order #3 for Frank Arnold Contractors, Inc. – Thayerville Water System – Contract 2, Water Treatment Plant in the amount of \$474.84 (replacement of booster station transmitter). The Board approved the Change Order as presented/recommended.
4. Recommendation to approve Pergin Private Water Association Operating Agreement. The Board approved the Agreement as presented/recommended.
5. The Board announced that an Agreement between the MD Department of the Environment– Water Management Administration and the Board had been executed which authorizes the State of Maryland to perform groundwater investigations. The Board will contribute \$31,900 to the project which is a partnership with the US Geological Services.

Miscellaneous

1. Ruth Enlow Library of GC briefed the Board on the following matters:
 - a) Update on internet and telecommunication usage at all Branches.
 - b) Presentation of 2012 Annual Report to include materials circulated, materials collected, registered borrowers, and programs.
 - c) Staffing requirements and replacement of staff that have retired or resigned.
 - d) Preparation of Master Plan is underway as required by Maryland Department of Education.
2. Risk Manager presented County Employee Biggest Loser Contest winners. This contest had 25 males and 12 females participate in this round. Gloria Burns the biggest female loser and James Shreve the biggest male loser.
3. The Board appointed Angelene Harrison to the GC Mental Health Advisory Committee.
4. The Board reviewed the applications for candidates to be recommended for appointment as Laborer with the County Roads Department. The following candidates were appointed: Matthew Bach, Scott Beitzel, Jesse Harvey, Kraig Margroff, Joshua McKnight
5. The Board met with the following individuals to discuss gypsy moth infestation and the associated suppression cost for GC: GC Extension Agent, Natural Resources Business Specialist, Department of Financial Services. The Board requested that the Extension Agent facilitate a follow-up meeting with the US Department of Agriculture and the State of MD Department of Agriculture. The Board determined that this matter should be considered high priority.
6. The Board reappointed Bruce Swift as alternate to the GC Planning Commission.

7. The Board approved a recommendation of award – Request for Proposals – Banking and Depository Services to Susquehanna Bank for a period commencing on January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015. The contract is based on a Compensating Balance Method with a \$0 target balance and a variable interest rate of .55% with a .55% guaranteed floor.
8. The Board appointed William DeVore, Department of Planning and Land Development, Zoning Administrator to the Youghiogheny River Advisory Board.
9. The following appointees were made to Board of Governors of GC Memorial Hospital.
 - a) Chairman Gatto – appointed Elizabeth Spiker
 - b) Commissioner Crawford – appointed Francis Gnegy
 - c) Commissioner Raley – appointed Matthew Paugh
10. The Board appointed Jon Wynn to the Board of Directors of GC Community Action Committee, Inc.
11. The Board appointed the following person to the GC Emergency Services Board.
 - a) Lou Battistella, Member at Large (re-appointment)
 - b) Edward McLellan, Member at Large (re-appointment)
 - c) George (Sonny) Vincent, Member at Large (re-appointment)
 - d) Paul Harman, Northern Garrett Rescue Squad